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Response to Applicant's Amendment

1. The reply filed on August 4, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action (Paper number 5) because of the following omission(s) or matter(s).

Applicant's attempted argument with respect to the 112 rejection of claims 1, 5-6 and 11 is non responsive because applicant does not provide an explanation of what the transaction data represents. Furthermore, merely stating that the examiner's assertions that claim 1 is not limited to postage metering and the claim recites "selection transaction data" is not a bona fide response to the 112 rejection. Applicant is respectfully requested to either amend the claims or provide an explanation of the "selection transaction data" to overcome the 112 second paragraph. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed Romain Jeanty whose telephone number is (703) 308-9585. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. If attempts to

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reach the examiner are not successful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq R Hafiz can be reached at (703) 305-9643.

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